

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

09-0035R

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OFFICIALS TO CONTRACT WITH
UNIVAR USA, INC., FOR 100,000 GALLONS OF CAUSTIC SODA
FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$373,527.45.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that city officials are hereby authorized to contract with Univar USA, Inc., for the purchase and delivery of 100,000 gallons of caustic soda in accordance with specifications and the vendor's low bid of \$350,730 plus sales tax of \$22,797.45, for a combined total of \$373,527.45, terms net 30, FOB destination, payable from the Water Fund 510, Agency 500, Organization 1955, Object 5216-05.

Approved:

Director, Public Works & Utilities
Purchasing Agent ____

Approved as to form:

Attorney

PWU/PRCH DS:le 1/2/2009

Approved for presentation to council:

Chief Administrative Officer

Approved:

Auditor

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes the purchase of 100,000 gallons of caustic soda from Univar USA, Inc., for \$373,527.45, payable from the water fund.

This chemical is used for water purification at the Lakewood water treatment plant, 8130 Congdon Boulevard, in Duluth. The total of 100,000 gallons is based on an estimated quantity from previous years.

The purchasing division posted a request for bids on the city's website in December of 2008. Univar USA, Inc., submitted the lowest of three bids by the closing date of December 22, 2008.

CAUSTIC SODA Bid No. 09-0005; Requisition 09-0005 Tabulation of Bids Received December 22, 2008	
Vendor	Base Bid
Univar USA, Inc., St. Paul, MN	\$350,730
KA Steel Chemicals, Inc., Lemont, IL	\$403,900
Hawkins, Inc., dba Hawkins Treatment Group - Superior, Minneapolis, MN	\$479,500